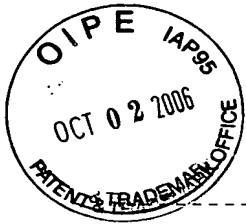


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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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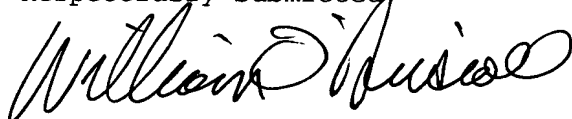
This is in Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment  
mailed on September 21, 2006.

Applicant traverses the issuance of the Notice of Non-Compliant  
Amendment on the basis that no amendments were made in the Response C  
mailed on June 28, 2006 and received on July 3, 2006 by the U.S. Patent  
Office. Moreover, no amendments were made in the previous responses, and  
therefore the claims on file are as originally filed.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was made on the basis that the Amendment filed 28 June 2006 failed to meet the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.21 or 1.4. Applicant has reviewed these sections and notes that the key language of 37 C.F.R. 1.21(c) states "Each amendment document that includes a change to an existing claim, cancellation of an existing claim or addition of a new claim, must include a complete listing of all claims ever presented . . ." (emphasis added). Applicant has found no requirement to the effect that a complete listing of all claims must be presented when no claim amendments are or have been made. In view of the hardship presented if an application should become abandoned for "non-compliance", the Examiner is requested to identify the relevant section in 37 C.F.R. 1.21 or 1.4 to enable applicant to ensure that applicant complies with future amendments. For the foregoing reasons, the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is requested to be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Notwithstanding the foregoing remarks and traversal and to avoid any involuntary abandonment of this application, applicant attaches hereto a copy of applicant's Response C as previously submitted on June 28, 2006 wherein the original claims filed in the instant application have been inserted but no other changes have been made in that Response C.

Respectfully Submitted,



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This is in Response to the Office Action mailed January 4,  
2006. A request for a three month extension of the term for response is  
submitted herewith effectively extending the term for response to July 4,  
2006.